

OKAMFT Student/Associate Member 2012 Elections Ballot

The OKAMFT Board of Directors and Elections Committee invite you as a Student or Associate member to participate in the elections process. You are voting on individuals nominated to serve in the positions of Student Representative and Associate Representative. Please use the enclosed ballot to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Voting Procedures

Vote for only one candidate in each position. Write in candidates are acceptable.

Complete the ballot provided and send to: **Attn: Rilda J. Smith**
Via **MAIL** to: **500 W. University, OBU Box 61806, Shawnee, OK 74804**
or **FAX** to: **(405) 878-2996**

Ballots must be received by midnight, Thursday, December 15, 2011

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order by last name.

Student Representative (select one)

Jennifer Baker

Jennifer Baker is a graduate student in the Master of Science in Behavioral Sciences program at Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma where she is concentrating her studies in Marriage and Family Therapy. She earned her Bachelor in University Studies from Oklahoma State University with an emphasis in psychology and minor in religious studies. Jennifer's academic goals are to complete her Masters and eventually earn a P.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy. Her research interest is attachment theory and the influence of childhood experiences on future relationships, specifically romantic relationships, in adulthood.

Mary Gibbons

Mary Gibbons is a first year marriage and family therapy student at Oklahoma State University. Prior to her acceptance into the program, she held two positions with Stillwater Domestic Violence Services: Shelter Intake Specialist and Victim Advocate. In these capacities she had the opportunity to directly interact with clients through crisis intervention, nightly group sessions, and advocacy. Additionally, as the pioneer of two new satellite offices adjacent to the Stillwater area, she has gained skills in community leadership and has been able to network with many related professionals. Currently, she maintains a part-time position at the shelter as well as a teaching assistantship for several freshman courses on the Oklahoma State campus while pursuing her degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Write in: _____

Associate Representative (select one)

Megan Dinnel

Megan Dinnel is an LMFT Candidate working at Stonebridge Family Services in Yukon, OK. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at Southern Nazarene University. Her degree included an emphasis in play therapy, and she primarily works with children and families. Megan would like to serve on the OKAMFT board to enhance her professional learning, and to contribute in a meaningful way to other professionals in Oklahoma. She has experience in board service, as she has served on the board of a local non-profit organization, Lovelink Ministries since 2010. Megan enjoys her work with her clients, and hopes to become more involved with OKAMFT.

Melissa Oliver

Melissa obtained a Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Science from Oklahoma State University in 2009 and completed her Masters degree in Human Development and Family Science, specializing in MFT, in July of this year at OSU. As a graduate student, Melissa served as her cohort's elected representative for the MFT program council meetings and also served as the OKAMFT Student Representative board member for the year of 2010. As the Student Representative, Melissa's major responsibilities included organizing the annual Student and New Professionals Conference. Melissa works for Creeks Behavioral Health Services, Pawnee branch, as an affiliate therapist treating low-income populations with a variety of presenting problems and is currently pursuing licensure as an MFT in Oklahoma.

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